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LAWS, REGULATIONS.

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1. *Of the Constitution of the Society.*

I. THE Society shall consist of Honorary, Corresponding, and Ordinary members; and shall be governed by a President, four Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer, two Secretaries, a Council, and such other officers as may be found necessary.

2. *Of Honorary Members.*

II. The number of Honorary members shall not exceed twenty.

III. Practitioners in either department of medicine, and gentlemen of eminence in other sciences connected with the practice of medicine, shall be eligible for nomination as Honorary members; the recommendation of whom shall exclusively emanate from the council.

3. *Of Corresponding Members.*

IV. Medical men residing beyond seven miles from London, may be associated with the Society as Corresponding members, on intimating their wish to the Secretaries, who shall lay their communication before the ensuing meeting. The election of Corresponding members shall not take place earlier than the second meeting after their nomination.

V. Corresponding members shall not be liable to the payment of any admission fee, or annual contribution; but they shall be required, if resident in this country, to send to the Society, free of expense, some medical communication at least every three months; and in failure of compliance with this regulation during nine successive months, they shall be considered as having withdrawn from the Society. If resident abroad, they shall be expected to communicate with the Society, once every year, and in neglect of this for two successive years, they shall be considered as having withdrawn. The Secretaries in giving this information to the Corresponding members shall also inform them, that reports on the elucidation of disease by pathological investigations, and the transmission of specimens of morbid structure, when practicable, will be particularly valued.

VI. Corresponding members shall be entitled to attend, but not to vote, at any of the meetings of the Society.

4. *Of Ordinary Members.*

VII. Physicians, Surgeons, and Apothecaries, actually in practice, and persons of distinguished talents in other departments connected with medicine, shall be eligible for nomination as Ordinary members.

5. *Of the Election of Members.*

VIII. All elections shall be by ballot, and the votes of three-fourths of the members present shall be an essential pre-requisite to their admission; but no election shall take place except ten members be present.

IX. When a Member is elected, the Secretaries shall inform him of it; and, if an Ordinary member, he shall appear for introduction within two months afterwards. In failure of compliance, (unless some reason satisfactory to the Council be assigned,) his election shall be superseded.

X. When a Member has paid his fee, and shall present himself for admission, the President or Chairman shall introduce him by the following form:

“ Sir,—*In compliance with the vote of the Hunterian Society, and by the authority invested in me, I admit you a Member thereof.*”

XI. Any gentleman wishing to become an Ordinary member shall be recommended by not fewer than two members who have personal knowledge of him. The recommendation, after being read, shall be suspended in the room of the Society during two meetings after the nomination, and the ballot shall take place at the second meeting from that at which the nomination is made.

XII. If any candidate be unsuccessful at the ballot, his name shall not be recorded ; and no person having been unsuccessful can be considered eligible for re-nomination within twelve months.

6. Of the Expulsion of Members.

XIII. If any member shall degrade himself, or neglect to pay his contributions beyond twelve months after they become due, or violate other laws of the Society, so as to render himself liable to expulsion, the Council shall be empowered to require of him an explanation, either by writing or by personal attendance, as the case may seem to demand. If this should be contumeliously refused, or not prove satisfactory to them, the consideration of his ejection shall be referred to the next general meeting.

7. Of the Election of Officers.

XIV. All the officers of the Society shall be elected

annually, by ballot; and no member can be deemed eligible for the office of President or Vice-President more than two years in succession.

XV. One half of the members of the Council who may have been least regular in their attendance shall go out annually, the others shall be eligible for re-election.

XVI. If a vacancy occur in any of the offices, a general meeting shall be convened to fill it up.

8. *Of the Treasurer.*

XVII. The Treasurer shall keep a book of printed receipts for the annual subscriptions.

XVIII. The Treasurer's accounts shall be audited a short time previously to the annual meeting by a committee of audit consisting of four members, two of them being members of the Council.

9. *Of the Secretaries.*

XIX. The Secretaries shall preserve a general list of members, an accurate record of the contributions of corresponding members, (the reception of which they shall duly acknowledge) as well as a faithful detail of the proceedings of the Society.

10. *Of the Council.*

XX. The Council shall consist of twelve members, who with the other officers shall regulate the ordinary business of the Society.

XXI. They shall be empowered to make and publish such bye-laws as the welfare of the Society may demand, but no alteration in the fundamental laws can be allowed, unless approved of by a general meeting. All intended alterations however must emanate from, and be approved of by, the Council.

XXII. Balloting lists for elections shall be prepared by the Council.

XXIII. The Council shall meet at half-past seven o'clock on the evening of each ordinary meeting, to arrange plans for maintaining a succession of important topics for deliberation, and to transact other business that may require their attention.

11. *Of Communications made to the Society.*

XXIV. That important and permanent advantage may be derived from the Society, members shall be requested to present cases and other communications in writing, which, after being read and investigated, shall be

deposited with the Secretaries, if permitted by the author. To secure this object, practitioners resident in any part of this country, or abroad, shall be invited to transmit to the Secretaries such medical or scientific communications as they may consider valuable.

XXV. The Council are empowered to make such an appropriation of any peculiarly interesting papers as they may deem conducive to medical or physical science, but the *general* disposal of papers shall be referred to the consideration of the annual meeting.

XXVI. Whenever a communication shall appear so important as to need peculiar investigation, it shall be referred to a committee of three or four members, who shall report upon it at their earliest conveniency.

12. *Of the Fees to be paid by Members, and other property of the Society.*

XXVII. Every Ordinary member on his admission shall pay the sum of two guineas as an admission fee; and, afterwards, one guinea annually.

XXVIII. All annual subscriptions shall become due at Christmas, but if a member be admitted within the last three months of the year, he shall be exonerated from the payment of his annual subscription until the end of the ensuing year.

XXIX. If there shall exist any surplus of funds at the termination of the year, it shall be appropriated to the purchase of such books as may be approved of by the Council; and practitioners in general, as well as the members shall be informed, that donations of books or preparations will be thankfully accepted.

XXX. The payment of all debts incurred by the Society shall be under the direction of the Council.

13. *Of the Meetings of the Society.*

XXXI. The ordinary meetings of the Society shall be held every alternate Wednesday throughout the year.

XXXII. The chair at each meeting shall be taken at eight o'clock precisely; and the meeting shall not be protracted beyond half-past nine, except when particular circumstances may demand a prolongation of it.

XXXIII. A general meeting shall be held annually on the second Thursday in February, for the purpose of electing officers; for receiving the report of auditors on the Treasurer's accounts, and for the repeal, or enactment of laws.

XXXIV. A *special* general meeting may be called at any other time by the Council, one week's previous

notice, stating the object for which the meeting is convened, being sent to the members.

14. *Order of Business.*

XXXV. The President, or in his absence a Vice President, the Treasurer, or some other member, shall take the chair precisely at 8 o'clock. One of the Secretaries shall read the minutes of the preceding meeting; new members shall be admitted; others nominated or balloted for; and the names of visitors announced.

XXXVI. At the close of the necessary business, the Chairman shall invite the members and visitors to medical communication; and, whenever a deficiency may exist, some paper in possession of the Society shall be taken up.

15. *Of Visitors.*

XXXVII. Any member, who may introduce visitors, shall hand their names in writing to the Chairman, who, at the close of the ordinary business, shall invite them to participate in the discussions of the evening.

